(1) who shall be educated and experienced in the principles of fish, wildlife, and wetlands conservation;

(2) who shall be responsible, with assistance from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, for facilitating consideration of wetlands conservation projects by the Council and otherwise assisting the Council in carrying out its responsibilities under this Act; and

(3) who shall be compensated with the funds available under section 8(a)(l) for administering this Act.

16 USC 4404. **SEC. 5. APPROVAL OF WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROJECTS.**

(a) CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL.—The Council shall recommend wetlands conservation projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission based on consideration of—

(4) the extent to which the wetlands conservation project fulfills the purposes of this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement;

(5) the availability of sufficient non-Federal moneys to carry out any wetlands conservation project and to match Federal contributions in accordance with the requirements of section 8(b) of this Act;

(6) the extent to which any wetlands conservation project represents a partnership among public agencies and private entities;

(7) the consistency of any wetlands conservation project in the United States with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan developed under section 301 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3921);

(8) the extent to which any wetlands conservation project would aid the conservation of migratory nongame birds, other fish and wildlife and species that are listed, or are candidates to be listed, as threatened and endangered under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

(9) the substantiality of the character and design of the wetlands conservation project; and

(10) the recommendations of any partnerships among public agencies and private entities in Canada, Mexico, or the United States which are participating actively in carrying out one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement.

(11) RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION.—The Council shall submit to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission by January 1 of each year, a description, including estimated costs, of the wetlands conservation projects which the Council has considered under subsection (a) of this section and which it recommends, in order of priority, that the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approve for Federal funding under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act.

(12) COUNCIL PROCEDURES.—The Council shall establish practices and procedures for the carrying out of its functions under subsections (a) and (b) of this section. The procedures shall include requirements that—

(13) a quorum of the Council must be present before any

business may be transacted; and

(14) no recommendations referred to in subsection (b) of this section may be adopted by the Council except by the vote of two-thirds of all members present and voting.